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## Officers Seize 9 Stills in Hunt Lasting 2 Days

### Get Three in Free Union and Six in Leggetts Mill Section

Federal agent, Thomas W. Snell and Sheriff Roberson raided Free Union, or Gawk, Tuesday and found three stills, each of about 50 gallons capacity. All were cold and no sign of life about them.

The officers found at the stills about 2100 gallons of sugar and meal beer, all of which was destroyed. Evidence was insufficient to justify prosecutions.

Wednesday the officers went to the Leggetts Mill section in Bear Grass township where an invitation had been extended them. There they found six fully equipped stills, about 8500 gallons of beer, many kegs, jugs and other equipment used in the manufacture of liquor.

Two of these six stills had been run during the previous night and were warm when the officers reached them. All the liquor was removed before the arrival of the agents. Much of the beer found at the plants had fermented and was most ready to be run. No one was seen near the stills. All the equipment was destroyed.

Mr. Snell says one of the plants was very near the residence of one of his old friends, Hickory Ben Daubbs and there was a path leading in that direction, but old friend was not in sight.

## Shortage in Material Halts Work on Jail

Jail work is being held up for want of material, the contractor has been unable to procure face brick as fast as needed and the work has been stopped for a week.

The contractor expects to start work again the early part of next week.

The recent rains interfered with the work at the new County Home which is now under construction. Favorable weather has permitted the work to be continued.

## University Summer School Closes Today

The second session of the University summer school closes today with a full commencement program.

The University will confer 52 degrees this year, the largest number yet issued to any summer school class. The degrees range from Ph. D. on down.

The work of the University has grown so large that it has become a twelve months' school where any pupil may get any course he wants.

Among those attending from Williamston this session are Mrs. W. H. Harrell, Miss Sarah Harrell and Miss Eva Peel.

## American Legion Meet Goes to Washington

The State Convention of the American Legion will meet in Washington in 1927.

The last convention was held at Hickory last week when the war veterans met each other and had a season of real joy.

The Washington delegation presented their town so beautifully and made their plea so strong that other invitations were withdrawn, all voting unanimously for the meet to go to Washington. Evidently they had heard of the hospitality of the City by the Pamlico. Surley, they made a good choice when they selected Washington.

## STRAND THEATRE

Saturday  
Jack Meehan in "The Rattler"  
Charles Hutchinson in "Lightning Hutch"  
Comedy  
"Cuckoo Love"

## LOCAL TOBACCO MARKET IS ALL SET FOR BIGGEST SEASON IN ITS HISTORY

### Improvements and Alterations Nearing Completion

Preparations for the opening of Williamston's tobacco market the eighth of next month are nearing completion, and everything will be complete when the first load of tobacco arrives here week after next.

The changes made in the local market this year number the greatest ever. A warehouse with one acre of floor space is hard to conceive of even in North Carolina. Such was little dream of in Williamston. Then on top of all that additional space in others has been provided, and once the smallest is now a large one. Every house has had repairs made on it, and now Williamston has three warehouses just as up-to-date, if not ahead, of many warehouses to be found on the 30,000,000 pound markets.

These changes are limited to the warehouses alone, not even mentioning the changes in the personnel of the market. Here we find even greater changes. Adding to a list of the most capable tobacco men possible, Williamston market now has eleven proprietors, eleven that can't be beat. Then, going from personnel to experience, we find it necessary to ask the services of an adding machine to secure the number of years that all these men together have worked in the tobacco business.

Auctioneers have been carefully selected, and according to the proprietors it is worth a trip to the market just to hear the melodious tunes flow from the mouths of these men as they stick to a pile of tobacco until the final limit is reached. The force in the offices is the most competent ever, and the force of one house will register 6, while that of another will register a half dozen. There's no distinction; they are all good.

Our market bids this year to surpass its record established last year, and that of last year is not to be sneezed at. Just remember you are welcomed to our town and market, and the men who are in charge of the warehouses here this year assure you accommodations, courtesy, and the highest of high prices.

## Senator McMullen Here Wednesday

corner of the State, extending to the was in town Wednesday. Mr. McMullen was really the father of the Chowan River bridge. He ran for Senator in the second district on a bridge platform, was elected and made good in passing legislation authorizing the bridge. The bridge is now being constructed.

Mr. McMullen now lives in Raleigh where he is superintendent of agencies for the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Co.

## Wilson Man Kills Wife and Father in Law

Alvester Ayers killed his 30-year-old wife, Bertha Ayers, and her father, William D. Starling, early Tuesday morning in Wilson. Ayers had had much trouble with his bride of but six months and claimed his only reason for committing the deed was because he thought his wife better off dead than to be living in sin; and he further claims he killed her father who was trying to kill him.

Ayers had been threats during the day, and his 14-year-old daughter had hidden his gun. That night he and his wife were at the Starling home. Ayers got up during the night and went to his own home, got his gun and returned, slaying the wife and father-in-law. He then went to police headquarters and surrendered, and is now in jail.

## Inmate Killed by Bull Caswell Training School

Gustaf Swenson, a 17-year old inmate of the Caswell Training school for the feeble minded at Kinston, was killed Wednesday by a bull of the school dairy herd.

Young Swenson, who took great interest in assisting around the dairy, had been warned to keep out of the lot where the animal was kept, but on this occasion he went in alone and was stamped and pauged to death before he could be rescued.

The boy's father, a Norwegian, last heard of in Asheville and his mother last heard of in Florida, could not be located to inform them of the death of their son.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lilley were visitors here yesterday.

## Negro Farmers of State Hold Meet in County

### Held at Parmele Wednesday and Thursday Each Week

The semi-annual meeting of the North Carolina negro farmers conference was held at Parmele Wednesday and Thursday.

The conference adopted a fine theme or golden text for its meeting, "Better home through letter farming."

They had a well-prepared program with a number of good speakers and trained farmers on from all sections of the State east of Salisbury and Winston-Salem.

Mr. C. R. Hudson, state agent, agricultural extension service, was chairman of the executive committee and assisted much towards the success of the meeting.

Hon. W. A. Graham, North Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture, was unable to fill his place on the program and called Judge Francis D. Winston to fill his place. Of course, the judge was happy in the fact that he had an opportunity to carry a message to the North Carolina negro farmer. There are few people who know as much about the negro and his hard problems in life as Judge Winston, and there are none who have a deeper sympathy and a greater interest in helping him than he does. All of which properly fits him for duty in helping to enlighten and encourage the negroes.

Many of the colored county demonstration agents, all of whom are under Mr. Hudson's supervision, took part in the program.

The address of Rev. W. C. Pope, editor of the Union Reformer, on the subject, "Give the young people a chance on the farm," was full of good sense and practical advice. Real practical subjects such as should interest farming people in all parts of the world were discussed at every session.

The women also held meetings, where better methods for doing women's work was studied and demonstrated.

## Revival at Reddicks Grove Ends Sunday

The revival services which have been in progress at Reddicks Grove all the week will continue through Sunday night. The meetings are held each night at eight o'clock and are conducted by Pastor R. L. Shirley. Services will be held tonight, Saturday night, Sunday afternoon and Sunday night which will close the series of meetings.

The attendance except the two rainy evenings has been very good. A cordial invitation is extended to all the people to worship with us.

## Negro Is Indicted for Three Capital Crimes

Durham, Aug. 24.—Ernest P. Walker, in whose veins runs white, colored, and Indian blood, received preliminary examination in Recorder's court Friday and was held without bond for the October 11 term of Durham County superior court on three of the four capital offenses in North Carolina courts: Murder, burglary, and rape (criminal assault). Walker confessed to police that he entered the home of James Cassidy, negro, on Sunday night, July 25, while Cassidy and his wife were sleeping; struck Cassidy with an axe, from which he died a few days later, and assaulted his wife. Police said they have never before heard of such a group of crimes in this State. Arson is the only other capital offense.

## Jule James On Tarboro Market This Season

Mr. Jule James, connected with the tobacco industry for years, will be with the Clark warehouse in Tarboro this season. His many friends have read his announcement and wish him success in Tarboro this year.

Mr. James has been in the tobacco business in this county for a number of years, having gained a thorough knowledge of his chosen field and applying it to his customer's advantage. It is with regret that the tobacco growers of our section see him go. His warehouse will be managed by him with Messrs. Foxhall and Moya.

## The Enterprise Sunday School Lesson in Brief

### Aug. 29.—The Ten Commandments: Duties to Man.—Ex. 20:12-21.

By C. H. DICKEY

The voice from Mount Sinai will never die out in the earth!

The migrating army of emancipated slaves are about its base, and God—through Moses—is speaking out the "marching orders for the world." Last Sunday, we studied the first four commandments, which represented the duties to God; today we have the other six, which sum up our duties to man.

1. Honor thy father and mother. That sounds as though it were especially written for this generation. But one great argument for the efficiency and sufficiency and permanent value of the Scriptures is that they "apply."

The home is the "base." Parents owe a tremendous obligation to the children they bring into existence. And along with it, the children can never pay the debt of love they owe. Today, in many quarters, this commandment would seem to be reversed, and many of our youths would have it read this way, "Parents, honor your sons and daughters." But children are subject to parental authority and should acknowledge it so long as they remain under the roof tree and accept good gifts from the hands of their parents.

2. Thou shalt not kill.

Cain killed; and since then, a streak of crimson blood has trailed throughout the earth. America is said to be the most notorious of non-law abiding peoples. And murder is one of the greatest offenses. More people are murdered in New York City each year than in the whole of the British Isles. Human lives are cheap in these colonies. A proper reverence for God will breed a proper consideration for His children. There are more ways of killing than the direct process of shooting down one's victim. "Thou shalt not kill."

3. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Why? Well, read the history of the countries which have been the most notorious breakers of this Divine law. Where this commandment has been most nearly observed, where a proper value has been placed on the chastity and the virtue of our women—these are the countries which have piloted that course of the nation's best advancement.

Social purity is necessary for the family, which is the unit of society. Without it, there can be no love, no home ties, no permanency of the sweetest ties. Where this law is obeyed, happiness and prosperity reign; where it is disregarded, terrific consequences come to the individual and the nation.

4. Thou shalt not steal.

This hits out upon the rights of property. We are to make our living in the perspiration of our faces; and property thus honestly obtained merits and has the protection of God's laws and of the State and National laws. But there are other types of stealing than that which breaks into one's cash register. One can steal another's time, can steal away one's good name, can steal many things besides money.

5. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Tale bearing, slander, undue arousing of suspicion, lying, and the practices of unjust men meet severe rebuke here in the Scriptures. "Truth" is perhaps the essence of this commandment. Do not bear false witness; do not make an unjust accusation. "Do unto thy neighbor as you would have him do unto you."

6. Thou shalt not covet.

Desire, even ambition, is one thing; covetousness is quite another. The covetousness which is forbidden is the inordinate desire that overrides right means, or desires that reach after unlawful things and uses unlawful methods. Covetousness is desire minus conscience. It has no respect for other's rights, or for any right, but only wants its own way at any cost.

Covetousness, jealousy and envy. These are a triumvirate of qualities which blacken the soul and cause the spirit of prayer to die out upon the souls of men. On the other hand, we are to be kindly affectioned, one to another, in honor preferring one another. We are to love our neighbors in the same way we love ourselves. We are to do no more to him than we would want him to do to us. These injunctions from Sinai, or from God, need to be re-emphasized in our commonwealth today.

## Three Booster Trips Planned For Next Week by Citizens

### Half Million for Memorial to Commoner

### Waging Campaign to Raise \$5,000,000 for University

Dayton, Tenn., Aug. 26.—The movement to establish at Dayton, Tenn., a great university as a memorial to William Jennings Bryan (is daily gaining impetus, according to F. E. Robinson, President of the Bryan Memorial University Association here. Mr. Robinson states that the campaign now being waged to provide five million dollars for building and endowment, has brought the Association gifts totaling over half a million dollars, only part of three states, Tennessee, North Carolina and Florida, having been solicited to date.

The national aspect of the movement is growing, Mr. Robinson says. Friends and admirers of Mr. Bryan and the things for which he stood, are expressing their interest in the establishment of the university. During the past two weeks a number of editorials commending the establishment of the university have appeared in the press over the country. One of these, after stating the progress of the campaign, continued as follows:

"This is just an embryonic start. It will be most interesting to note what comes of it. If there are enough Christians in the land who believe with Mr. Bryan that the tendency of modern collegiate and university courses is toward a belief in the materialistic production of the universe and of life through chemical affinities and that there ought to be an institution where they can send their children where this philosophy will not be overestimated and overemphasized, and where the supremacy of the Creator will be acknowledged, then such an institution ought to have a large place in American life and thought."

"Mr. Bryan tried to turn the people toward the Divine in the Universe, and he appeared sincere in his belief that this is being, too much ignored. It is possible that this may become a great university. As a man Bryan was a moral force in the life of the country and there is at the present time a need who can reach the consciences of men. Perhaps this university will furnish them."

## Methodist Program For Next Week

Sunday school services, 9:45 a. m. Preaching services at Hamilton, 11:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.

Junior Epworth League, 2:30 p. m. Mrs. J. E. Thigpen, supt.

Sermon 8:00 p. m. at Holly Springs by Rev. S. A. Cotton, Presiding Elder of the Weldon District. Following this the third quarterly conference will be held. All official members are urged to be present.

Senior Epworth League, Monday, 8:00 p. m., Miss Martha Leggett, supt.

Prayer meeting, Wednesday, 8:00 p. m.

Intermediate League, Thursday 8:00 p. m., Mrs. W. H. Booker, supt. A series of services lasting about ten days will begin at Vernon church on Friday night at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

## Gulf Storm Does Much Damage in Mississippi

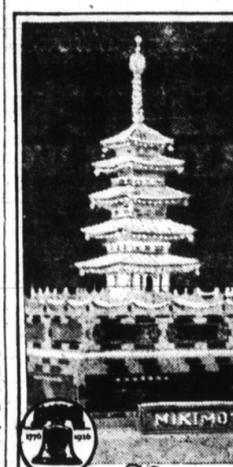
A gulf storm beat the shores of Louisiana and Mississippi, Wednesday night, doing much damage. Two deaths were reported and a very large number of people in peril was reported. Property damage estimated at a million dollars or more was also reported.

At New Orleans the storm had spent much of its force and the damage was not so severe, though there was one killed by a live wire which had blown down. Several others persons received slight injuries.

Mr. Sam J. Toler, Jr., of Rocky Mt. has been in Williamston for several days this week looking after the building of the county home and jail. He expects to remain in town until these two jobs are completed.

Judge Walter Bailey, of Everetts, was here yesterday attending to business.

## Millions in Pearls



This pagoda, a part of the Japanese exhibit at the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition in Philadelphia, celebrating the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, is made entirely of pearls and its value exceeds \$1,000,000. The exposition continues until December 1.

## J. L. Jones Principal at Jamesville This Year

Prof. J. L. Jones, superintendent of the Jamesville School for the coming session was in town this week. Professor Jones is well known in our county, having been principal of the Hamilton School for two years. He is from Apex, but for the past few years has lived in Wilmington except when teaching. He states that the Jamesville school will open September 6th, full announcement of which will be made at an early date.

## Christians of Roanoke District Meet 28 and 29

The Roanoke District union meeting of the Christian churches will be held with the Robersonville Christian Church Saturday and Sunday, August 28 and 29.

The district is composed of about 40 churches located in the northeast corner of the State, extending to the Edgecombe line on the west and to the coast on the east.

These meetings are held on each fifth Sunday and the Saturday before. They rotate to the different parts of the district upon invitation from local churches.

## Sheriff A. C. Jackson Returns to Greenville

Sheriff A. C. Jackson, who fled from Pitt county recently, apparently to dodge charges of embezzlement preferred by the Board of County Commissioners of that county, has returned to his home in Greenville. Since his departure he has lost the office of sheriff which was first declared vacant by Judge R. A. Newman on account of failure to perform the duties of the office. Judge Nunn's order for removal was only temporary however, and another hearing was held last week when the Judge, N. A. Sinclair, confirmed the order of removal, making it permanent.

The alleged shortage of Jackson was placed at 30,000. There were other charges also—against him, among them, failure to perform duty, drunkenness and immorality. Friends of the sheriff express the opinion that he was a victim of temptations rather than of deliberations.

## County Audit Is Being Made by F. P. Hill Co.

The County is having an audit made, the F. P. Hill and company of Rocky Mount, doing the work. Mr. N. McRae is in charge of the job and he is assisted by Mr. Skees.

They began last week and will be engaged a few more days before the audit can be completed. The report will be made to the Board of County Commissioners as soon as it can be prepared.

## Services Tonight By Greenville Federation

The Greenville Christian Federation will conduct the regular weekly service of the local federation at the Methodist Church tonight at the regular hour for service. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

## Will Require Three Days to Make Tours

### Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday Are Days Selected

The booster trip planned by the local chamber of commerce will set sail next Wednesday morning, when the 15 cars and 50 persons assemble for the departure at 9 o'clock. There will be three separate trips, the three covering this section of eastern Carolina. Three days will be required to complete the three trips, practically all of each day being required for each trip.

Wednesday the party leaves the post-office corner for Hamilton, Oak City, Palmyra, Scotland Neck, Hobgood, Hassells, Gold Point, Robersonville, Parmele, Bethel, Stokes, and Whichards. These towns will be visited by the entire party, but leaving Whichards the party will split, one section returning home by way of Everetts, while the other will come in by Bear Grass. Lunch will be had in Scotland Neck.

On Thursday, a second trip will be started at the same hour and from the same point. The second day's visit will carry the party through Windsor, Aulander, Kelford, Roxobel, Rich Square, Ahoskie, Winton, Coffee, Harrellsville, Coleraine, and Merry Hill. From Merry Hill the party will return home tracing from Windsor here. Lunch will be had at Rich Square.

While it is not certain, Friday will be the last day of the tour and will see the party split after reaching Pinetown. Jamesville will be the first town visited, from there the party will go to Dardens, Plymouth, Pinetown, one part leaving this point and going to Chowchilly, Blounts Creek, Edwards, from there back to Washington and on in home direct. The others will leave Pinetown for Yatesville, Bath, Washington, and in home by way of Smithwicks Creek Church.

Speakers will be selected at each stopping point and a speech emphasizing Williamston's welcome to everyone who might come will be made. The speech will be most informal and will be of only three or four minutes' duration.

The trip has created no little interest among the people here and is looked forward to with much interest by them. The Kiwanis Club is lending its able support to the undertaking, and present indications point to a most successful tour. It is understood that a sufficient number of cars have been pledged so that it will not be necessary for every car to make over one trip.

This is the first real test of Williamston's citizens when it comes to supporting their tobacco market, town, and community, and according to those in charge the undertaking will find them 100 per cent strong in their support.

With confidence and faith in our market running high among our people, it is their desire to go out and tell others, and if these should see it to be to their advantage to visit our town, tell them they are welcome and that we are glad to have them come to see us.

## Frank Fagan Heads Rocky Mount Bank

Frank F. Fagan, who was the first cashier of the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Williamston, going from here to Rocky Mount and then to Richmond, where he spent some time, but later returned to Rocky Mount, where he has held the position of cashier and vice president and then president of the First National Bank of Rocky Mount, has resigned as president of that bank and has been elected president of the National Bank of Rocky Mount, succeeding Mr. Thomas H. Battle, who has been president of that institution since it was organized. Mr. Battle becomes chairman of the board of directors.

## Services at Baptist Church Sunday

Rev. C. H. Dickey will be in his pulpit next Sunday. Subject morning sermon, "The Mission of Pain." Subject, night sermon, "Race Immortals." You are cordially invited to come and hear him.